



FAMILY NEWS

Upcoming Events:

- October 21:**  
**FIT Food List**  
large boxes of cereal, mac  
& cheese, canned fruit,  
cash donations
- October 21:**  
Family Fall Festival  
5:00 pm
- October 27:**  
Alannah’s Baby Shower  
10:30 am
- October 28:**  
Pot Luck with LHS Football  
players

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Hannah Baker, Kaylee Bridges, Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley-Washington, D.C.
- Grayson Carter-Ft. Riley
- Steve & Erma Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Lisa Smith- Karen Oliver’s Sister
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe’s Father
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart’s Father
- Zach Giles
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- Mark Black, Kris Black’s Father
- Michael Bridges & Family
- AJ & Jeanie McElfresh
- Leah Crocker
- George Westerman
- Kelli Daniel
- Karyl Buress
- Amanda Wood
- Kathy Alexander & Family
- Don & Pam Bowman and Family
- Brian Devereaux
- Brenda Kramer-Rice & Family

HARDSHIP

A good friend of mine has gone through very trying times recently. Conversation with her led me to think seriously about why God lets us suffer like we sometimes do. I think that God brings or allows struggle in our lives for reasons we cannot see but are used for good. Let me share a few.

He allows struggle to build His character in us. The bible is pretty plain about this, so I will leave it there except to say that by our choices in life, we are made more or less like Him. He prepares us for great things, His things, by bringing us through smaller things. He is out to make us holy. Sanctification is a process and He uses struggles in life to accomplish this. How it all works is beyond me. If I could understand it all, where would faith be?

Sometimes He allows us to endure struggle and suffering to cause us to learn. We gain wisdom by enduring the result of our decisions. He does not make us wise by “magic.” We gain understanding and wisdom by observing how things work out. When I do this, the other thing happens. We learn.

He allows us to suffer and struggle to kill the spirit of self-sufficiency in us. We must learn that it is He who gives us the desire and the ability to do any good thing. This is very hard for us. It is in the human heart to achieve and to be something special. It is very hard not to think that we have done the thing. It is God at work in us and He makes us understand that it is only by His power that we can do anything.

Is it possible that sometimes Christians suffer because, at bottom, they are not really serving God but are serving themselves? They do things that on the outside appear to be works for God but if they are doing them for reasons other than to bring Him glory, they might be ultimately doing the thing for themselves. The highest motivation to “serve God” is not—to be allowed into heaven.” I am not even sure that is an acceptable motivation. We are to see His glory and bring Him glory. Our reason for serving Him must come to be simply because we love Him.

Finally, Paul teaches in 2 Corinthians that our suffering is often for the benefit of others. It leads us to be able to comfort, instruct and be an encouraging example to others who suffer.

This is complicated and none of what I have said is the whole truth. God is sovereign and it seems our best answer is to trust Him without having to know why.

Grace and peace,  
The Shepherds

ASSEMBLY TIMES

- SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**9:30AM**
- SUNDAY CLASS 1 1**  
**AM**
- WEDNESDAY, 7 PM**  
**BIBLE STUDY**

October 10th, 2018  
Weekly Statistics

- AM Bible Class: 86  
AM Bible Class Avg: 74
- AM Assembly: 131  
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- Contribution: \$3,321.00  
YTD Average Weekly:  
\$7,248.00
- Weekly Budget: \$7,918.62

SHEPHERDS

- LARRY BAKER**  
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Sign Up To Help:

- Suzanne Kennedy**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054cacaf2ca2fe3-rides>
- Geoffrey Cottrell**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4baeab29a4fc1-rides>

Anniversaries:

- 10.12 Robin & Mandy Akers**
- 10.20 John & Mary Turner**
- 10.26 Rick & Sandi Chamberlain**

Birthdays:

- 10.18 Lani Guill**

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Opportunities to Serve  
October 17th, 2018

**Worship:**  
Connor Watkins

**Sound Room:**  
Chester Warren  
Ruben Macedo

**Lord’s Supper Comments:**  
Daniel Phipps

**Servers in October:**  
Dennis Carter  
Jimmy Kirby  
Brandon Ulmer  
Terry Kneece  
Travis Jex

**Door Greeters in  
October:**  
Stephen Wood  
Amanda Wood

**Nursery:**  
Cindy Cox  
Kara Wayland

**Toddler:**  
Kelli Daniel  
Landrey Daniel

**Children’s Church:**  
Kara Wayland

**Communion Prep:**  
Earline White

**Coffee Clean-Up:**  
Tracy Jex

**Keep In Touch:**

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**Missionaries:**

AIM: Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill; Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

Our fall festival will be held this Sunday, October 21 at 5pm!

Dinner, treats, bouncy house, and fall fun are free!! We want to see as many adults and kids dressed in their cutest, best farmer outfits!

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Be sure to bring a pumpkin and all your carving tools so your family can participate in the pumpkin carving contest!

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Blessings,

Lauren Brannan